

HOUSE BILL 2076

By Doggett

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 8, Part 1 and Title 41, Chapter 51, relative to pay supplements for correctional officers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 41, Chapter 51, is amended by adding the following new section:

(a) Each correctional officer employed full-time by the department of correction is entitled to receive a pay supplement in addition to the officer's regular salary in an amount equal to eight hundred dollars (\$800) from the department if the officer completes at least forty (40) hours of in-service training during a calendar year that is commiserate with the officer's rank and experience. The training must be received at a school, an agency, or by personnel approved by the department.

(b) A qualified correctional officer is entitled to receive such pay supplement for each calendar year in which the officer satisfies the training requirements of this section.

(c) The department may collaborate with and utilize the Tennessee peace officer standards and training commission for purposes of carrying out this section.

(d) The pay supplement is a bonus for the successful completion of training and is not considered part of the correctional officer's salary for a subsequent years' determination of supplemental pay or for retirement purposes.

(e) Funds must not be expended under this section unless the funds are specifically appropriated for the purposes set forth in subsection (a).

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it.